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INSURANCE SCHEMES FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of insurance schemes introduced for Handloom Weavers;

(b) the number of handloom weavers benefitted by these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether any survey is being conducted to accelerate the pace of the said process; and

(d) if so, the number of weavers likely to be benefitted under the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

a) There are two Insurance schemes introduced by the Central Government for handloom weavers:

(i) Group Insurance scheme: a weaver is provided with aninsurance coverage of Rs.10,000 for natural death on an annual basis having premium of Rs.120/- which is shared equally amongst the beneficiary, the State and Central Governments.

(ii) New Insurance scheme: provides a coverage of Rs.1 lakh in the event of death or loss of two limbs or two eyes or permanent disability. It also provides for a coverage of Rs.50,000/- for loss of one limb or one eye. Under the scheme there is a coverage in respect of damage of dwelling unit and raw materials also. The premium is Rs.120/- per annum, with a contribution of Rs.20/- by the weaver, Rs.40/- by the state Government and Rs.60/- by the Government of India.

b) The details of handloom weavers benefitted under these schemes during each of the last three years are as under:

Year	Number of Weavers Benefitted	
	Group Insurance Scheme	New Insurance Scheme
1997-98	1,06,432	60,453
1998-99	1,47,637	66,662
1999-2000	1,96,604	41,666
2000-01	3917	41,556

(c) &(d) No Sir, does not arise.